LPG Distribution Centre in Rai Bareily, U.P.

953. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is only one authorised distribution centre in the entire District of Rai Bareily in U.P. for supply of LPG catering to an area nearly 50 K.M. as a result of which there is a lot of inconvenience to the consumers of Lalganj, Bhojpur and Sareni;

'(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set-up another distribution centre for the benefit of the consumer residing at Lalganj, Bhojpur and Sareni; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) There are already 7 LPG distributorships in operation in District Rai Bareily, i.e. 3 at Rai Bareily and 1 each at Salon, Tiloi, Unchahar and Jais. The locations Bachrama, Maharajganj, Sareni, Rai Bareily and Lalganj, have also been included in the Marketing Plan. The location Lalganj has already been advertised.

Bhojpur is reportedly not viable due to inadequate potential.

Corruption in the Allotment of LPG and Petrol Agencies

954. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many petrol pumps and LPG agencies were given during last three years, State-wise;

(b) how many of them were allotted through Oil Selection Eoard (OSB) and how many of them through the discretionary quotas, State-wise;